

REMARKS

The Office Action indicated that Claim 4 and Claims 13-17 were allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 4, and it is believed that Claim 1 and its dependent Claim 2 is now allowable.

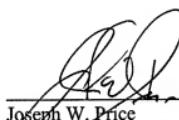
The allowed dependent Claim 13 has now been rewritten as independent Claim 20 and it is believed that dependent Claims 6-18 are now allowable.

Since only allowable subject matter is now presented, it is believed the case is in condition for allowance and early notification of the same is requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone interview will assist in the prosecution of this matter, the undersigned attorney can be contacted in the listed phone number.

Very truly yours,

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